

NOT SURPRISED.

ACTION OF THE REPUBLICAN LEAGUE IN RICHMOND.

What is thought of it in Washington—Sherman's Friends Jubilant—Other News Notes.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, January 19.—The action of the Republican League in Richmond took no men by surprise. The Sherman men here are jubilant over the result, and declare that it renders certain the Virginia delegation in the Republican presidential convention for their candidates, and they are very sanguine that Virginia will lead a solid southern delegation for him.

"Now look out," said one of them to-day, "for North Carolina. The next game that comes from the South will bring to our ears the clash of another Sherman victory."

Friends of Mr. Blaine, however, do not admit that they have been deceived. Senator Bidwell's friends are very much disgusted at the outcome, and one of the most influential Republicans of Southwest Virginia, who claims to have elected two members of the Virginia Legislature, writes to-day that while Mr. Mahone had taken a back seat he would not have increased the Republican vote in his district next November, he could not and would not undertake to carry the "old man of the sea" on his back, or "I shall be a looker-on instead of a fighter this year," said he.

THE TOLSON TAX.
In the absence of Mr. Miller, Mr. McMillan, of Tennessee, presided at the meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means this morning. Mr. McKinley, of Ohio, made a motion to take up and report favorably the bill introduced by him to repeal the tobacco tax. A discussion ensued, in which the members took the ground that the repeal of the tobacco tax should be made a provision of the general tariff bill. The Republicans desired to report the bill as passed, because it would have the effect of replying to the surplus, and to that extent, relieve the necessity of reduction on imports, but the Democrats were not to be caught in that trap and voted unanimously against the motion, which was defeated. At the proper time the tobacco tax will be reported as part of a general system of tariff revision and reduction.

NATIONAL BUSINESS.
The House bill introduced again to-day on the bill to increase the circulation of national banks. The opponents of the bill have made a persistent fight and they claim that they are gaining strength every day. This report is true, for I heard two Virginia Democratic members say this morning that they had grave doubts as to the propriety of its passage.

A few days ago there seemed little doubt that the favorable report of the committee would be confirmed, but the Democrats are bitterly opposed to it, and have been working very hard with their Democratic friends to defeat it, declaring that its passage would destroy the recent fair prospect of carrying their States in the coming election.

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.
The Postal Telegraph Question.—The Treasury surplus, etc., etc.
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WASHINGTON, January 19.—In the National Board of Trade today the "Postal Telegraph" was the first subject under discussion. F. B. Thurber, of New York, spoke in favor of the Post Office Department assuming control of the telegraph communication in this country. The opposite side of the question was represented by Ernest Wiman, of New York, one of the directors of the Western Union. When the discussion closed the following resolution was adopted:

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The question of a commercial union with Canada was also discussed. The House of Representatives should be directed to telegraphic communication, and we urge upon Congress the earliest favorable consideration of this question.

Resolved, That the executive council be directed to memorialize Congress to provide for commercial relations with the Dominion of Canada upon the broadest and most equitable principles of complete reciprocity.

The discussion of the question of abolition or reduction of the internal-revenue tax occupied a large part of the afternoon session. At the close of the session the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That recent events have shown in a manner which cannot be disregarded the danger to the national interests of the country from the government continuing in time of peace the excessive taxes which were necessary in time of war. The House of Representatives should be directed to reduce the internal-revenue system as follows:

Resolved, That while it is desirable to reduce internal taxes, it is not desirable to abolish the internal-revenue system as a whole.

A resolution embodying a proposition to recommend the total repeal of internal-revenue taxes failed.

The President's State Dinner.
WASHINGTON, January 19.—The second of the series of state dinners was given by the President to-night to members of the Diplomatic Corps. The public parlors and the state dining-room were as usual beautifully adorned with a profusion of flowers, plants, ferns, and choice cut flowers, roses, etc., etc., dominating the Marine Band was stationed in the vestibule, and filled the dining-table instead of forming straight lines as usual were curved inward to form the shape of a great arch, this arrangement allowing a great number of guests to be seated. Covers were laid for forty-nine persons. The President escorted Baroness Fava to the dining-table, and Mrs. Cleveland was escorted by Minister Preston, of Hayti, dean of the Diplomatic Corps. The other guests present were the British Minister, Mr. Romero, the French Minister, the Minister of Sweden and Norway, Mme. de Guzman, the Chinese Minister, the Minister of Colombia, Mrs. Sherman, the Mexican Minister, the Russian Minister, the Spanish Minister, the Argentine Minister, the Chilean Minister, the Peruvian Minister, the Italian Minister, the Swiss Minister, the Dutch Minister, the Belgian Minister, the Austrian Minister, the Hungarian Minister, the Turkish Minister, the Minister of Austria-Hungary, Hon. Joseph C. Chamberlain and Mrs. Sherman, the Charge d'Affaires of Brazil and Miss Murphy, of St. Paul; the Charge d'Affaires of Venezuela, and registered as Lady Parker and L. Fulton, of Shutehouse, N. S. At 8:30 this morning, when an odor of gas came from their room, the door was burst open and both men were found lying on the floor dead. It is supposed that they blew out the gas.

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NEW YORK, January 19.—A Charleston (W. Va.) special says: Information reaches here from Oceana, Wyoming county, that another bloody chapter in the McCoy-Hatfield feud was enacted Saturday night last, in which the lives of five McCoy's were sacrificed. It will be recalled that about the beginning of the new year the feud, which had been smoldering for some months, broke out again between the two families, in which the Hatfields were the aggressors. The McCoy family proceeded to annihilate the family of Randall McCoy. They surrounded his house on the Kentucky line, set fire to it, and drove McCoy's wife, son, and daughter like sheep into the shambles. McCoy's wife, son, and daughter were killed. McCoy's son, who was a boy of 15, escaped to the woods. This was followed by the McCoy raid in West Virginia recently described, in which three of the Hatfield party were killed in a battle in the woods.

All the details that have yet been received of Saturday night's massacre are simply that the Hatfield gang made a raid on the house of Sim McCoy, brother of Randall. The McCoy's were completely surprised. Mr. McCoy was tied to a tree and shot to death. The eldest son was next tied up and riddled with bullets. McCoy's son, who was a boy of 15, escaped to the woods. This was followed by the McCoy raid in West Virginia recently described, in which three of the Hatfield party were killed in a battle in the woods.

Fire at Accomack Courthouse.
(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)
ONANCOCK, via TASLEY, Va., January 19.—Fire broke out last night about 10 o'clock in the store-house of Folk Mill, at Accomack Courthouse. The flames were caused by a lantern being overturned. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The store-house, which belonged to Mrs. Thomas Lilliston, was not insured. Loss, \$1,000. Stevenson's loss is nearly \$500; no insurance. Had the fire occurred in the store-house, the loss would have been \$20,000. The destruction would have been immense. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Last night was the coldest of the winter. The thermometer stood 26° above zero.

Lexington Notes.
(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, Va., January 19.—The City Council to-night decided to extend the corporate limits and appointed a committee to press the matter before the General Assembly.

The trial of John K. McComb, indicted for conspiracy with Charles D. Bodell in forgery, terminated to-night.